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Re: **Application Serial No.:** 09/683,944
Confirmation No.: 5491
Filing Date: March 5, 2002
Applicants: Parmelee, et al.
Title: Automated Transaction Machine Digital
Signature System And Method
Docket No.: D-1154 R3

Sir:

Please find enclosed an Issue Fee Transmittal form, Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and Comments on the Substance of the Interview for filing in the above-referenced Application. Please charge the Issue Fee, Publication Fee and Advanced Order Fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0428 of Diebold Self-Service Systems.

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Serial No.: 09/683,944)	Art Unit 3621
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For: Automated Transaction Machine)	
Digital Signature System And)	
Method)	

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated January 24, 2007 kindly enter Applicants'
Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance without prejudice as follows:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

It is respectfully submitted that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in item 9 on page 4 are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only reasons for allowance. For example, the dependent claims 18-20 recite additional features, relationships, and steps not mentioned in the Statement, which are also not disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

In addition, in item 10 on page 4, the Statement refers to features which are not recited in the claims. For example, this portion of the Statement states that the recited steps comprise "employing a smart card." However, the element of a smart card is not recited in the claims. Rather, claim 17 recites a step (c) of "providing at least one card to each of the plurality of individuals, wherein each card includes machine readable data corresponding to at least one of an individual to whom the card is provided and a financial account identifying number associated with the individual to whom the card is provided."

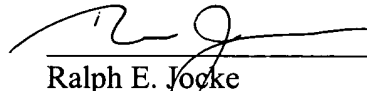
The card recited in claim 17 corresponds to any type of card that is operative to include the recited machine readable data. Although the recited card may correspond to a smart card, it is also to be understood that the recited card may correspond to a card that does not include a processor (e.g. a magnetic stripe credit card, debit card, or bank card).

In addition, the Statement states that claim 17 comprises other features which are not specifically recited in the claims such as a "monitor" and a "communication link." Although the recited automated transaction machine may include a monitor, it is to be understood that the recited "output device" may correspond to other types of output devices such as a touch screen or any other type of output device capable of outputting a visual representation of an electronic document.

In addition, although, the recited automated transaction machine may include a "communication link", the recited "communication between the one machine and at least one remote server" may correspond to any type of communication technology which permits an automated transaction machine to communicate with at least one remote server.

Applicants disagree with all undue limiting remarks in the Statement. It should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be directed to that subject matter which is recited in the claims. Any remarks in the Statement which add to or subtract from the recited subject matter should be disregarded.

Respectfully submitted,



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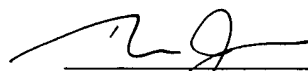
Comments on the Substance of the Interview

A telephonic interview was conducted on November 1, 2006 with Examiner Kambiz Abdi and a representative (Christopher L. Parmelee, Reg. No. 42,980) of Applicants. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that claim 17 recited allowable subject matter. The Examiner also indicated that claim 17 included a couple of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, clarity issues.

To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants' representative gave authorization for the Examiner to do an Examiner's Amendment canceling claims 1-16 without prejudice and amending claim 17 to enhance clarity. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 17 does not change the scope of the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Interview Summary is complete and correct.

However, it appears the resulting Examiner's Amendment inadvertently replaced the recited term of "data store" with "data storage." This change to claim 17 was not discussed in the interview and appears to be a typographical error. Although the term "data storage" does not narrow the claim, Applicants would prefer to use the original term "data store" as found throughout the Specification. In this regard, an Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 has been filed to amend claim 17 to replace "data storage" with the original term of "data store."

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